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LETTER DATED 23 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that United States aircraft have persisted in violating Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 13-20 May 1992.

13-14 May 1992

Fifteen sorties, flown by five two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 6,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

14-15 May 1992

Twenty-six sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and six single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

15-16 May 1992

Twenty sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 7,000 metres, centred over Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Irbil and Ayn Zalah.

16-17 May 1992

Fifteen sorties, flown by six two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

17-18 May 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 4,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil and Amadiyah.

18-19 May 1992

Twenty-five sorties, flown by 11 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,500 to 6,500 metres, centred over Irbil, Mosul, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho, Rawanduz and Tall Afar.

19-20 May 1992

Twenty-one sorties, flown by eight two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Irbil and Amadiyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
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